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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Consideration and entry of the Response included herewith is respectfully requested.

Our check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 9-26 are pending in the application.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this paper.

An Appendix beginning at page 6 of this paper includes a Supplemental Declaration of David C. Lyons executed on May 10, 2004.